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TO: Members of the Construction Code Commission
FROM: Henry L. Green
SUBJECT: Interpretation of Section 627.1.2 of The Michigan Building Code

Question: Do the provisions of Section 627.1.2 of the Michigan Building Code apply to open pits found typically inside of a building used for quick oil changes?

Answer: No. The intent of this section is to protect pedestrian passageways. Clearly the use of oil change pits would be impeded if guardrails were required to enclose such pits. Pits of this nature are routinely covered by vehicles being serviced and do not pose a threat to pedestrian traffic. Such areas are restricted to service personnel and the general public is not allowed to be in such service areas.

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